

**REMARKS**

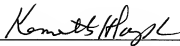
Claims 1-13 are pending in the above identified application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,557,887 to Fellows et al. Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Fellows et al. Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,172,475 to Fitzgibbon et al. Claims 4, 7, and 8 stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. The rejections and objections as they may apply to the claims presented herein are respectfully traversed.

In an Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 5, and 11-13 as amended in Applicants' response of October 2, 2006 would be allowable and that claims 6 and 8-10 as amended would not be allowable. The Applicants have cancelled claims 3-4 and 6-10. Additionally, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5, and 11-13 so as to be in a form that was indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Consequently, the Applicants believe that the claims presented herein (i.e., claims 1, 2, 5, and 11-13) are in condition for allowance. Finally, the Applicants are filing a continuation application concurrently with this amendment and this continuation application includes claims 6-10.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this Application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully requested,

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